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Quantum field theory of dilute homogeneous Bose-Fermi mixtures at zero temperature: General formalism and beyond mean-field corrections

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We consider a dilute homogeneous mixture of bosons and spin-polarized fermions at zero temperature. We first construct the formal scheme for carrying out systematic perturbation theory in terms of single particle Green's functions. We especially focus on the description of the boson-fermion interaction. To do so we need to introduce the renormalized boson-fermion T matrix, which we determine to second order in the boson-fermion s -wave scattering length. We also discuss how to incorporate the usual boson-boson T matrix in mean field approximation to obtain the total ground-state properties of the system. The next-order term beyond mean field stems from the boson-fermion interaction and is proportional to $a_{\text{BF}}k_F$. The total ground-state energy density to this order is the sum of the kinetic energy of the free fermions, the boson-boson mean-field interaction, the usual mean-field contribution to the boson-fermion interaction energy, and the first boson-fermion correction beyond mean field. We also compute the bosonic and the fermionic chemical potentials, the compressibilities, and the modification to the induced fermion-fermion interaction. We discuss the behavior of the total ground-state energy and the importance of the correction beyond mean field for various parameter regimes, in particular considering mixtures of ^6Li and ^7Li and of ^3He and ^4He . Moreover, we determine the modification of the induced fermion-fermion interaction due to the effects beyond mean field. We show that there is no effect on the depletion of the Bose condensate to first order in the boson-fermion scattering length a_{BF} .

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I. INTRODUCTION

Following the spectacular success in achieving Bose-Einstein condensation in trapped, dilute atomic gases in 1995 [1–3], there has been an explosion of experimental and theoretical activity on this newly accessible state of matter (for recent reviews focusing on different experimental and theoretical aspects, see, for instance, Refs. [4–8]). More recently, there has been increasing interest and experimental activity also in quantum-degenerate ultracold Fermi gases [9–14], in particular because of the possibility of observing a BCS type transition in a dilute atomic gas [15,16]. Dilute mixtures of ultracold gases of bosonic and fermionic atoms are also receiving increased attention, in particular because sympathetic cooling of the fermions by the bosons is an important means of their achieving quantum degeneracy [11–14], and also because bosons can mediate an induced (attractive) fermion-fermion interaction [17]. Moreover, mixtures of atomic ^3He and ^4He have become interesting in their own right after the recent achievement of Bose-Einstein condensation in metastable ^4He [18,19], as they could represent a bridge toward the understanding of superfluidity in helium.

Current analyses of dilute mixtures of ultracold atomic boson and fermion vapors are based on mean-field approximations. They include, for example, the work on stability considerations for homogeneous systems by Viverit *et al.* [17], and the calculation of density distributions and phase separation of trapped mixtures by Nygaard and Mølmer [20]. Some interesting effects have been studied by Bijlsma *et al.*

[21], where an effective modification of the fermion-fermion scattering length, mediated by boson-fermion scattering processes, was determined. Pu *et al.* have determined the phonon spectrum of the Bose condensate in a boson-fermion mixture at zero temperature [22].

Mean-field approaches have proved to be extremely useful in the theoretical and experimental study of Bose-Einstein condensed dilute atomic gases, and are likely to prove similarly useful for quantum-degenerate mixed boson-fermion systems. It is nevertheless desirable to consider effects beyond mean field, and under what circumstances they are likely to be most relevant. For pure (unpolarized) fermion [23–25] and pure boson [24–31] systems, expansions of the ground-state energy, in terms of the small parameters $k_F a_{\text{FF}}$ and $\sqrt{n_B} a_{\text{BB}}^3$ (k_F is the Fermi wave number, n_B the boson density, and a_{FF} and a_{BB} the fermion-fermion and boson-boson scattering lengths), are well established. These expansions go beyond mean-field approximations while still depending only on the s -wave scattering lengths. Although determined for homogeneous systems, the use of beyond mean-field corrections arising from consideration of such expansions may be readily extended to the experimentally relevant case of inhomogeneous trapped gases by application of the local density approximation. In general, the corrections beyond mean field for the bosons are smaller than for the fermions, since the exponent of the small dimensionless parameter $n^{1/3}a$ (n is the density parameter and a the scattering length) is 1 in the fermion case but 3/2 in the boson case.

Important work on realistic treatments of strongly inter-

acting ^4He - ^3He mixtures has been carried out by exploiting correlated basis function theory. In this framework the ground-state energy density can be written as an integral over the interaction potential and the correlation functions [32,33]. A thorough variational theory of fermion-boson mixtures has then been developed in terms of extended Jastrow-Feenberg wave functions that include both pair and triplet correlation functions. On the other hand, the application of field theoretic and functional methods to mixtures of bosons and fermions has been so far almost unexplored. In the case of dilute fermions immersed in a Bose gas an expansion of the ground-state energy in terms of the small parameters $\sqrt{a_{\text{BB}}^3 n_{\text{B}}}$ and $n_{\text{F}}/n_{\text{B}}$, where n_{F} is the fermion density, was performed by Saam [34]. This was motivated by considering quantum-degenerate dilute gases as a model for the behavior of superfluid helium, where the assumption of $n_{\text{F}}/n_{\text{B}}$ as a small parameter is justified by the much greater natural occurrence of bosonic ^4He compared to that of the fermionic ^3He isotope. Considering a regime of low fermion concentration relative to the boson concentration, Saam neglected corrections of the order of the Fermi wave number to the mean-field interaction, while treating the bosons in the Bogoliubov approximation; in this way, he obtained the corrections to mean field that are proportional to the bosonic gas parameter. Considering a regime of high fermion concentration, we instead assume the bosons in the ideal gas approximation (thus neglecting the corrections proportional to the bosonic gas parameter), while treating the boson-fermion interaction to second order, thus obtaining the corrections to mean field that are proportional to the Fermi wave number. We will show in the following that in the case of comparable bosonic and fermionic densities, these latter corrections are larger than those obtained by Saam. In particular, we develop a systematic treatment of the boson-fermion interaction, by determining the renormalized boson-fermion T matrix to second order in the boson-fermion scattering length. In this way we compute the lowest order correction beyond mean field to the ground-state energy density due to the boson-fermion gas parameter. This correction is obviously absent in Saam's treatment, and it is of order $7/3$ in the overall power of the combined bosonic and fermionic densities. On the other hand, the lowest Saam's correction due to the renormalized boson-boson interaction is of order $5/2$ in the overall power of the combined bosonic and fermionic densities. The correction due to the renormalized boson-fermion interaction is then the larger one, and thus the one of greatest relevance for the description of dilute Bose-Fermi mixtures beyond mean field, when both densities are of comparable magnitude, or there are vastly more fermions than bosons. We can in principle combine the effects of the renormalization of the boson-fermion and boson-boson couplings to compute all the corrections to order $5/2$ (which will include the ones computed by Saam by taking into account only the renormalized boson-boson interaction). Work is in progress on the determination of the higher-order corrections, and will be reported elsewhere.

We point out that our results are valid for any ratio of the fermionic and bosonic densities. Systems where there are vastly more bosons than fermions are certainly experimen-

tally achievable in dilute atomic gases, and it can in fact be advantageous to have an excess of bosons in order to enhance sympathetic cooling [11]. However, there is in principle no *a priori* reason to confine theoretical analyses to such systems. In fact, in recent experiments [13,14] the numbers of fermions and bosons are comparable. Thus motivated, in the present paper, as already anticipated, we derive a systematic perturbative expansion for the ground-state energy and other related relevant physical quantities for dilute Bose-Fermi mixtures at zero temperature and for arbitrary ratios of the boson and fermion densities. In this way we determine the lowest-order correction to the mean field in the case of weakly interacting bosons and spin-polarized fermions in terms of the Bose-Fermi gas parameter $k_{\text{F}}a_{\text{BF}}$, where a_{BF} is the boson-fermion s -wave scattering length. The ground-state energy thus derived can then be implemented, in local density approximation, as the energy functional for the study of the experimentally relevant case of trapped mixtures, in complete analogy with the pure bosonic and pure fermionic cases.

The plan of the paper is as follows. In Sec. II we introduce the basic Hamiltonian for a system of interacting bosons and spin-polarized fermions, expressed in its grand-canonical form after performing the Bogoliubov replacement. In Sec. III we define the one-particle Green's functions needed for a systematic field-theoretical analysis of the boson-boson and boson-fermion interactions, and we determine the associated Feynman rules. In Sec. IV we implement the perturbative expansion by introducing the boson-fermion self-energy and the renormalized boson-fermion T matrix in the ladder approximation and by solving the corresponding Bethe-Salpeter equation to second order in $k_{\text{F}}a_{\text{BF}}$. In Sec. V we exploit the results obtained in the previous sections to compute some relevant physical quantities. In particular, we provide the expression for the ground-state energy density to second order in the gas parameter, the bosonic and fermionic chemical potentials, the compressibilities, and the induced fermion-fermion interaction. We then compare the results thus obtained with actual and foreseeable experimental situations to assess the relative importance of higher-order corrections with respect to the mean-field results. In Sec. VI conclusions are drawn and some possible future developments are discussed.

II. SYSTEM

A. Hamiltonian and ground-state energy

1. Many-body Hamiltonian

We consider a homogeneous mixture of interacting bosons and fermions, imposing periodic boundary conditions on a volume V . In complete generality there are thus boson-boson, boson-fermion, and fermion-fermion interactions to consider. However, for spin-polarized fermions, there is no s -wave scattering contribution to the fermion-fermion interaction [35]. The first nonvanishing contribution is due to p -wave scattering, which can generally be neglected when compared to the boson-boson and boson-fermion interactions due to s -wave scattering. We thus take into account s -wave scattering between bosons, and between bosons and fermions only.

In second-quantized form, the Hamiltonian describing this situation is

$$\hat{H} = \hat{T}_B + \hat{T}_F + \hat{U} + \hat{V}, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\hat{T}_B = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_B} \int d^3\mathbf{x} \nabla \hat{\Phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}), \quad (2)$$

$$\hat{T}_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_F} \int d^3\mathbf{x} \nabla \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}), \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{U} = \int \int d^3\mathbf{x} d^3\mathbf{x}' \hat{\Phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}') U(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}') \hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}), \quad (4)$$

$$\hat{V} = \frac{1}{2} \int \int d^3\mathbf{x} d^3\mathbf{x}' \hat{\Phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\Phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}') V(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}') \hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}), \quad (5)$$

and where $\hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x})$ is a bosonic field operator, $\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x})$ is a fermionic field operator, and m_B and m_F are the respective masses of the bosons and fermions. For later reference we also define

$$\hat{H}_0 = \hat{T}_B + \hat{T}_F, \quad (6)$$

$$\hat{W} = \hat{U} + \hat{V}. \quad (7)$$

2. Mean-field theory

It is straightforward to determine a zero-temperature mean-field theory for \hat{H} [20]. Employing the well-known Thomas-Fermi approximation, the mean-field ground-state energy density is

$$\frac{E}{V} = \frac{3}{5} \frac{\hbar^2 k_F^2}{2m_F} n_F + \frac{2\pi\hbar^2 a_{BF}}{m} n_B n_F + \frac{2\pi\hbar^2 a_{BB}}{m_B} n_B^2, \quad (8)$$

where $m = m_F m_B / (m_F + m_B)$ is the reduced mass, and $k_F = (6\pi^2 n_F)^{1/3}$ is the Fermi wave number [36]. In the case of a pure (unpolarized) fermionic system, the corrections to the ground-state energy density beyond the mean field are given by [23]

$$\frac{E_F}{V} = \frac{3\hbar^2 k_F^2}{5m_F} n_F \left[1 + \frac{128}{15} k_F a_F + (k_F a_F)^2 + \dots \right]. \quad (9)$$

For pure bosons corrections to the ground state have been calculated by, e.g., Hugenholtz and Pines [28] and by Wu [29]. These corrections are obtained via a perturbative expansion in terms of the bosonic gas parameter $\sqrt{n_B a_{BB}^3}$. As already mentioned, this parameter is in general smaller than the fermionic gas parameter (see also Sec. V B). Our goal is thus to determine a *general* expression equivalent to Eq. (9), taking into account boson-fermion interactions, while neglecting corrections proportional to higher powers of the bosonic gas parameter.

B. Bogoliubov replacement and grand-canonical Hamiltonian

In order to determine the energy functional to higher order than in Eq. (8), we will adopt a perturbative approach using one-particle Green's functions, in a way essentially equivalent to the field-theoretical treatment of pure bosonic and fermionic systems [24,25]. We thus first carry out the Bogoliubov replacement [37], where the condensate bosons are treated as a *c*-number field:

$$\hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}) = \sqrt{n_0} + \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}), \quad (10)$$

where $n_0 = N_0/V$ is the condensate density, and N_0 is the number of (condensate) atoms in the $k=0$ mode. This prescription breaks particle number conservation (see [38–41] for alternative Bogoliubov replacements that preserve particle number conservation); average particle number conservation is assured by introducing the grand-canonical Hamiltonian

$$\hat{K} = \hat{H} - \mu_B \hat{N}_B, \quad (11)$$

where μ_B is a Lagrange multiplier, to be identified with the boson chemical potential [25]. Substituting Eq. (10) into Eq. (11), the grand-canonical Hamiltonian reads

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{K} = & \hat{K}_0 - \mu_B N_0 + \hat{U}_1 + \hat{U}_2 + \hat{U}_3 + \hat{V}_1 + \hat{V}_2 \\ & + \hat{V}_3 + \hat{V}_4 + \hat{V}_5 + \hat{V}_6 + \hat{V}_7, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{K}_0 = & \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_B} \int d^3\mathbf{x} \nabla \hat{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) \\ & + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_F} \int d^3\mathbf{x} \nabla \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}) - \mu_B \int d^3\mathbf{x} \hat{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}), \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

$$\hat{U}_1 = n_0 \int \int d^3\mathbf{x} d^3\mathbf{x}' \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}') U(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}'), \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{U}_2 = & \sqrt{n_0} \int \int d^3\mathbf{x} d^3\mathbf{x}' \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}') U(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}') \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) \\ & + \text{H.c.}, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

$$\hat{U}_3 = \int \int d^3\mathbf{x} d^3\mathbf{x}' \hat{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}') U(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}') \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}), \quad (16)$$

$$\hat{V}_1 = \frac{1}{2} n_0^2 \int \int d^3\mathbf{x} d^3\mathbf{x}' V(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|), \quad (17)$$

$$\hat{V}_2 = n_0 \sqrt{n_0} \int \int d^3\mathbf{x} d^3\mathbf{x}' V(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) + \text{H.c.}, \quad (18)$$

$$\hat{V}_3 = \frac{1}{2} n_0 \int \int d^3\mathbf{x} d^3\mathbf{x}' V(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}') \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) + \text{H.c.}, \quad (19)$$

$$\hat{V}_4 = n_0 \int \int d^3\mathbf{x} d^3\mathbf{x}' \hat{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) V(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}'), \quad (20)$$

$$\hat{V}_5 = n_0 \int \int d^3\mathbf{x} d^3\mathbf{x}' \hat{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) V(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}), \quad (21)$$

$$\hat{V}_6 = \sqrt{n_0} \int \int d^3\mathbf{x} d^3\mathbf{x}' \hat{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) V(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}') \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) + \text{H.c.}, \quad (22)$$

$$\hat{V}_7 = \frac{1}{2} \int \int d^3\mathbf{x} d^3\mathbf{x}' \hat{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}') V(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}') \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}). \quad (23)$$

III. SYSTEMATIC PERTURBATION THEORY WITH GREEN'S FUNCTIONS

A. Green's functions: Definitions

The boson (B) and fermion (F) Green's functions for the boson-fermion system are defined as

$$iG_B(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t') = \langle \xi | T[\hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}, t) \hat{\Phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}', t')] | \xi \rangle, \quad (24)$$

$$iG_F(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t') = \langle \xi | T[\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, t) \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}', t')] | \xi \rangle, \quad (25)$$

where the time argument in $\hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ and $\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ means they evolve according to Heisenberg's equations of motion, T denotes the time ordered product, and $|\xi\rangle$ is the ground state of \hat{K} (we similarly define $|\xi_0\rangle$ to be the ground state of \hat{K}_0). We use the Bogoliubov replacement to write

$$iG_B(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t') = n_0 + iG'_B(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t'), \quad (26)$$

where

$$iG'_B(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t') = \langle \xi | T[\hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}, t) \hat{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}', t')] | \xi \rangle \quad (27)$$

is the propagator for the noncondensate bosons.

B. Perturbative expansion

The Green's functions can be evaluated in perturbation theory [25], where \hat{W} is the perturbation to \hat{K}_0 . Thus

$$iG'_B(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t') = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i\tilde{G}_B^{(n)}(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t')}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \langle \xi_0 | S^{(n)} | \xi_0 \rangle}, \quad (28)$$

$$iG_F(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t') = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i\tilde{G}_F^{(n)}(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t')}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \langle \xi_0 | S^{(n)} | \xi_0 \rangle}, \quad (29)$$

where

$$i\tilde{G}_B^{(n)}(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t') = \langle \xi_0 | T[S^{(n)} \tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x}, t) \tilde{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}', t')] | \xi_0 \rangle, \quad (30)$$

$$i\tilde{G}_F^{(n)}(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t') = \langle \xi_0 | T[S^{(n)} \tilde{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, t) \tilde{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}', t')] | \xi_0 \rangle, \quad (31)$$

$$S^{(n)} = \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{-i}{\hbar} \right)^n \int dt_1 \cdots \int dt_n T[\tilde{W}(t_1) \cdots \tilde{W}(t_n)]. \quad (32)$$

Operators with a tilde are defined to be in the interaction picture, i.e., $\tilde{O}(t) = \exp(i\hat{K}_0 t/\hbar) \hat{O} \exp(-i\hat{K}_0 t/\hbar)$. In the limit of a noninteracting system ($\tilde{W} \rightarrow 0$) the Green's functions reduce to the zeroth order terms in the expansions, so that

$$\begin{aligned} i\tilde{G}_B^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t') &= i\tilde{G}_B^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t') \\ &= \langle \xi_0 | T[\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x}, t) \tilde{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}', t')] | \xi_0 \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

$$\begin{aligned} i\tilde{G}_F^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t') &= i\tilde{G}_F^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t') \\ &= \langle \xi_0 | T[\tilde{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, t) \tilde{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}', t')] | \xi_0 \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

C. Evaluation of terms using Wick's theorem

Equations (30), (31), and (32) can be evaluated by Wick's theorem, which states that the vacuum (noninteracting ground-state) expectation values of time ordered products of operators can be expressed as the sum of all products of contractions of pairs of operators in the time-ordered product [42]. The contraction of two operators is defined as

$$\tilde{O}(t)^{(i)} \tilde{P}(t')^{(i)} = T[\tilde{O}(t) \tilde{P}(t')] - : \tilde{O}(t) \tilde{P}(t') :, \quad (35)$$

where $: \tilde{O}(t) \tilde{P}(t') :$ is the normal ordered product. In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x}, t)^{(i)} \tilde{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}', t')^{(i)} &= \tilde{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}', t')^{(i)} \tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x}, t)^{(i)} \\ &= iG_B^0(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t'), \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, t)^{(i)} \tilde{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}', t')^{(i)} &= -\tilde{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}', t')^{(i)} \tilde{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, t)^{(i)} \\ &= iG_F^0(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t'), \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

and all other contractions of pairs of operators $\in \{\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x}, t), \tilde{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}', t'), \tilde{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}'', t''), \tilde{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}''', t''')\}$ vanish (see also Appendix A). Substituting Eqs. (36) and (37) into Eqs. (30), (31), and (32), the first order terms can be determined to be

$$\begin{aligned} i\tilde{G}_B^{(1)}(x^\mu, y^\mu) &= \frac{-i}{\hbar} \int \int d^4x_1^\mu d^4y_1^\mu \left\{ U(x_1^\mu - y_1^\mu) \right. \\ &\quad \times [-n_0 iG_B^0(y_1^\mu, y_1^\mu) iG_B^0(x^\mu, y^\mu) \\ &\quad - iG_F^0(y_1^\mu, y_1^\mu) iG_B^0(x^\mu, x_1^\mu) iG_B^0(x_1^\mu, y^\mu)] \\ &\quad + V(x_1^\mu - y_1^\mu) \left[\frac{n_0^2}{2} iG_B^0(x^\mu, y^\mu) \right. \\ &\quad + n_0 iG_B^0(x^\mu, x_1^\mu) iG_B^0(x_1^\mu, y^\mu) \\ &\quad \left. \left. + n_0 iG_B^0(x^\mu, x_1^\mu) iG_B^0(x^\mu, x_2^\mu) \right] \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

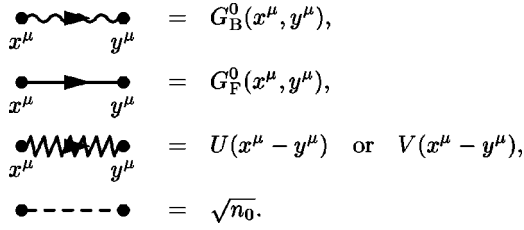


FIG. 1. Definition of the diagram lines.

$$i\tilde{G}_F^{(1)}(x^\mu, y^\mu) = \frac{-i}{\hbar} \int \int d^4x_1^\mu d^4y_1^\mu \left\{ U(x_1^\mu - y_1^\mu) \right. \\ \times [-n_0 i G_F^0(y_1^\mu, y_1^\mu) i G_F^0(x^\mu, y^\mu) \\ - n_0 i G_F^0(x^\mu, y_1^\mu) i G_F^0(y_1^\mu, y^\mu)] \\ \left. + V(x_1^\mu - y_1^\mu) \frac{n_0^2}{2} i G_F^0(x^\mu, y^\mu) \right\}, \quad (39)$$

$$S^{(1)} = \frac{-i}{\hbar} \int \int d^4x_1^\mu d^4y_1^\mu \left\{ U(x_1^\mu - y_1^\mu) [-in_0 G_F^0(y_1^\mu, y_1^\mu)] \right. \\ \left. + V(x_1^\mu - y_1^\mu) \frac{n_0^2}{2} \right\}, \quad (40)$$

where we have used the more compact four-vector notation $[x^\mu = (t, \mathbf{x})]$, and defined $U(x^\mu - y^\mu) = U(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \delta(x^0 - y^0)$ and $V(x^\mu - y^\mu) = V(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \delta(x^0 - y^0)$. Note that $G_B^0(t, \mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{y}) = 0$ (i.e., there are no boson loops at zero temperature).

Higher-order terms may be similarly evaluated, and will similarly be expressed in terms of integrals over products of noninteracting Green's functions, condensate factors n_0 , and interaction terms. We represent these graphically (see Fig. 1): straight lines for fermions, wiggly lines for noncondensate bosons, dashed lines for condensate bosons, and zigzag lines for interaction terms (whether it is a boson-boson or boson-fermion interaction is clearly determined by the kinds of particle lines attached to the vertices of the interaction line).

As is usual [24,25,43], all disconnected graphs in the numerator can be factorized out by the denominator, so that

$$G'_B(x^\mu, y^\mu) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \tilde{G}_B^{(n)}(x^\mu, y^\mu)_{\text{connected}}, \quad (41)$$

$$G_F(x^\mu, y^\mu) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \tilde{G}_F^{(n)}(x^\mu, y^\mu)_{\text{connected}}. \quad (42)$$

Noting that each connected graph essentially appears $n!$ times, with simple permutations on the labeling, when composing such graphs we integrate over all internal variables and affix a factor of $(i/\hbar)^n (-1)^F (-i)^C$, where n is the number of interaction lines, F is the number of closed fermion loops, and C is the number of dashed boson lines.

D. Feynman rules

For homogeneous systems it is convenient to Fourier transform to energy-momentum space, so that

$$G_B^0(p^\mu) = \frac{1}{p^0 - \hbar p^2/2m_B + \mu_B/\hbar + i\nu}, \quad (43)$$

$$G_F^0(p^\mu) = \frac{1}{p^0 - \hbar p^2/2m_F + i \operatorname{sgn}(p - k_F)\nu}, \quad (44)$$

where $\operatorname{sgn}(k) = 1$ for $k \geq 0$ and -1 for $k < 0$ (we write p for $|\mathbf{p}|$). The appropriate Feynman rules for the boson (fermion) Green's function in this representation are then as follows.

(1) Draw all topologically distinct connected diagrams with one outgoing external wiggly boson (fermion) line and one incoming external wiggly boson (fermion) line, no external fermion (boson) lines and no internal dashed boson lines, n zigzag interaction lines, each of which is attached at one vertex to an incoming and an outgoing boson line (either wiggly or dashed), and at the other vertex either to an incoming and an outgoing boson line, or to an incoming and an outgoing (not necessarily distinct) fermion line. Each vertex must be attached to exactly one zigzag interaction line.

(2) All wiggly boson lines must run the same direction and there are no closed boson loops.

(3) Each dashed boson line corresponds to a factor of $\sqrt{n_0}$, each wiggly boson line to a factor of $G_B^0(k^\mu)$, each fermion line to a factor of $G_F^0(k^\mu)$, each boson-fermion interaction line to a factor of $U(k^\mu) = U(\mathbf{k})$, and each boson-boson interaction line to a factor of $V(k^\mu) = V(\mathbf{k})$.

(4) Assign a direction to each interaction line; associate a directed four-momentum with each line and conserve four-momentum at each vertex. Each dashed boson line carries four-momentum 0 and each wiggly boson line has four-momentum not equal to 0.

(5) Integrate over the n independent four-momenta.

(6) Affix a factor of $(i/\hbar)^n (2\pi)^{-4(n)} (-1)^F (-i)^C$, where F is the number of closed fermion loops and C is the number of dashed boson lines.

IV. DETERMINATION OF THE BOSON-FERMION T MATRIX AND SELF-ENERGIES IN LADDER APPROXIMATION

A. The Hugenholtz-Pines theorem

According to the Hugenholtz-Pines theorem [28,44], the bosonic chemical potential μ_B , defined as

$$\frac{\partial E/V}{\partial n_B} = \mu_B, \quad (45)$$

is given by

$$\mu_B = \hbar \Sigma_B(0) - \hbar \Sigma_{12}(0), \quad (46)$$

where $\Sigma_B(0)$ and $\Sigma_{12}(0)$ are the proper self-energies for the bosons due to their interaction with both bosons and fermi-

ons, evaluated at $p^\mu=0$ (in what follows we call them the bosonic self-energies). The self-energies are in general related to the Green's functions by the Dyson equations. The Dyson equation for the bosons is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} G'_B(p^\mu) & G_{12}(-p^\mu) \\ G_{21}(p^\mu) & G'_B(-p^\mu) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} G_B^0(p^\mu) & 0 \\ 0 & G_B^0(-p^\mu) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} G_B^0(p^\mu) & 0 \\ 0 & G_B^0(-p^\mu) \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_B(p^\mu) & \Sigma_{12}(p^\mu) \\ \Sigma_{21}(p^\mu) & \Sigma_B(-p^\mu) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} G'_B(p^\mu) & G_{12}(p^\mu) \\ G_{21}(p^\mu) & G'_B(-p^\mu) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (47)$$

where we have introduced the anomalous boson Green's functions $G_{12}(p^\mu)$ and $G_{21}(p^\mu)$ (defined as the Fourier transforms of $G_{12}(x^\mu, y^\mu) = \langle \xi | T[\hat{\phi}(x^\mu)\hat{\phi}(y^\mu)] | \xi \rangle$ and $G_{21}(x^\mu, y^\mu) = \langle \xi | T[\hat{\phi}^\dagger(x^\mu)\hat{\phi}^\dagger(y^\mu)] | \xi \rangle$, respectively). The Dyson equation for the fermions takes the much simpler scalar form

$$G_F(p^\mu) = G_F^0(p^\mu) + G_F^0(p^\mu) \Sigma_F(p^\mu) G_F(p^\mu), \quad (48)$$

where $\Sigma_F(p^\mu)$ is the proper self-energy for the fermions due to the interaction with the bosons (the fermionic self-energy).

B. The self-energies in the ladder approximation

As we are considering a dilute system, in terms of Feynman diagrams only diagrams with interaction lines between two systems of connected propagators are important [24,25] (the ladder approximation). This is expressed in terms of the boson-fermion and boson-boson T matrices in Fig. 2, where the boson-fermion T matrix T_{BF} in the ladder approximation is defined in Fig. 3, the boson-boson T matrix T_{BB} (also in the ladder approximation) is well known from studies of dilute pure Bose systems, and the normal (diagonal) bosonic proper self-energy is given by

$$\Sigma_B(p^\mu) = \Sigma_{BF}(p^\mu) + \Sigma_{BB}(p^\mu). \quad (49)$$

The proper self-energies can thus be determined by adding the proper self-energies of a system of interacting bosons to those of a hypothetical mixed boson-fermion system where there are boson-fermion interactions only [45]. This result arises from our use of the ladder approximation, and is not in general true (there also exist, for example, inseparable three-legged “ladders” consisting of a boson-boson and a boson-fermion ladder joined by a common boson leg, but these clearly describe higher-order processes). For such a hypothetical mixed system, the only self-energies we need to consider and to evaluate are $\Sigma_{BF}(p^\mu)$ and $\Sigma_F(p^\mu)$, which can be written algebraically as

$$\hbar \Sigma_{BF}(p^\mu) = - \frac{i}{(2\pi)^4} \int d^4 k^\mu T_{BF}(p^\mu, k^\mu, p^\mu, k^\mu) G_F^0(k^\mu), \quad (50)$$

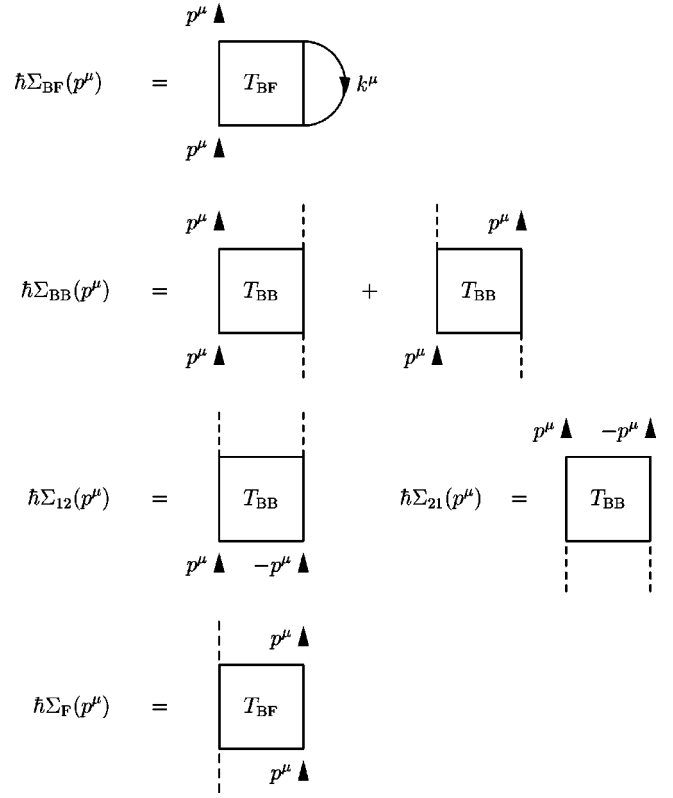


FIG. 2. The self-energies in the ladder approximation, expressed in terms of the T matrices.

$$\hbar \Sigma_F(p^\mu) = T_{BF}(0, p^\mu, 0, p^\mu) n_0. \quad (51)$$

C. Bethe-Salpeter equation for T_{BF}

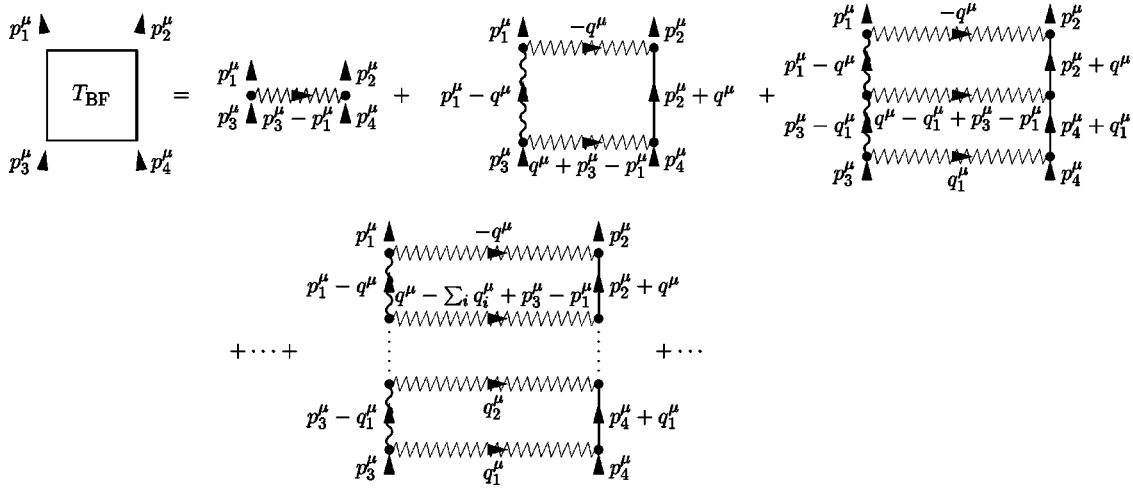
The boson-fermion T matrix T_{BF} can also be represented recursively, as shown in Fig. 4. If we now transform to center-of-mass coordinates,

$$\begin{aligned} P^\mu &= p_1^\mu + p_2^\mu = p_3^\mu + p_4^\mu, \\ k_1^\mu &= (p_1^\mu - p_2^\mu)/2, \\ k_2^\mu &= (p_3^\mu - p_4^\mu)/2, \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

the algebraic form of the equation represented in Fig. 4 reads

$$\begin{aligned} T_{BF}(k_1^\mu, k_2^\mu, P^\mu) &= U(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) + \frac{i}{\hbar (2\pi)^4} \int d^3 \mathbf{k} U(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}) \\ &\times \int dk^0 G_B^0(P^\mu/2 + k^\mu) \\ &\times G_F^0(P^\mu/2 - k^\mu) T_{BF}(k^\mu, k_2^\mu, P^\mu). \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

This is a kind of Bethe-Salpeter integral equation, which we will now solve recursively for low momenta, stopping at order a_{BF}^2 . As the interactions are instantaneous, the only frequency dependence in $T_{BF}(k_1^\mu, k_2^\mu, P^\mu)$ is in P^0 [24,25]. Thus, a contour integration over k^0 in Eq. (53) yields


 FIG. 3. The boson-fermion T matrix.

$$T_{\text{BF}}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, P^\mu) = U(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) + \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\mathbf{k} \frac{U(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}) T_{\text{BF}}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_2, P^\mu) \theta(|\mathbf{P}/2 - \mathbf{k}| - k_F)}{\hbar P^0 - \hbar^2(\mathbf{P}/2 + \mathbf{k})^2/2m_B - \hbar^2(\mathbf{P}/2 - \mathbf{k})^2/2m_F + \mu + i\nu}. \quad (54)$$

We now express Eq. (54) in terms of the free scattering amplitude $f(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$, by first formally inverting (see Ref. [24])

$$\frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m} f(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) = U(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_1) + \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\mathbf{k} \frac{U(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}) 2\pi\hbar^2 f(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k})/m}{\hbar^2\mathbf{k}_1^2/2m - \hbar^2\mathbf{k}^2/2m + i\nu}, \quad (55)$$

and then exploiting the resulting expression to rewrite Eq. (54) as

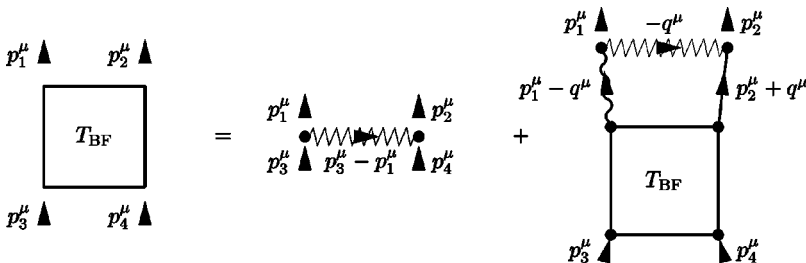
$$T_{\text{BF}}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, P^\mu) = \frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m} f(\mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_1) + \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\mathbf{k} \frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m} f(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_1) T_{\text{BF}}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_2, P^\mu) \times \left[\frac{\theta(|\mathbf{P}/2 - \mathbf{k}| - k_F)}{\hbar P^0 - \hbar^2(\mathbf{P}/2 + \mathbf{k})^2/2m_B - \hbar^2(\mathbf{P}/2 - \mathbf{k})^2/2m_F + \mu + i\nu} - \frac{1}{\hbar^2\mathbf{k}_1^2/2m - \hbar^2\mathbf{k}^2/2m + i\nu} \right]. \quad (56)$$

For low momenta the vacuum scattering amplitude $f(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$ can be expanded to second order in the scattering length a_{BF} (see Ref. [25]):

$$f(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \approx a_{\text{BF}} - i a_{\text{BF}}^2 k, \quad (57)$$

where $k = k_1 = k_2 \rightarrow 0$. We insert this into Eq. (56), iteratively substituting Eq. (56) into itself, and consistently keeping terms up to quadratic order in a_{BF} only. This produces

$$T_{\text{BF}}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, P^\mu) \approx \frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m} [a_{\text{BF}} - i a_{\text{BF}}^2 k_1] + \frac{4\pi^2\hbar^4 a_{\text{BF}}^2}{(2\pi)^3 m^2} \int d^3\mathbf{k} \times \left[\frac{\theta(|\mathbf{P}/2 - \mathbf{k}| - k_F)}{\hbar P^0 - \hbar^2(\mathbf{P}/2 + \mathbf{k})^2/2m_B - \hbar^2(\mathbf{P}/2 - \mathbf{k})^2/2m_F + \mu + i\nu} - \frac{1}{\hbar^2\mathbf{k}_1^2/2m - \hbar^2\mathbf{k}^2/2m + i\nu} \right], \quad (58)$$


 FIG. 4. The integral equation for T_{BF} .

the renormalized second order expansion of the boson-fermion T matrix. The integral can be evaluated (see Appendix B) to give

$$T_{\text{BF}}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, P^\mu) \approx \frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m} a_{\text{BF}} + \frac{2\hbar^2 a_{\text{BF}}^2 k_F}{m} + \frac{a_{\text{BF}}^2 \hbar^2}{2m^2} \left(\frac{m_B k_F^2}{P} - \frac{m^2 P}{m_B} - 2m\sqrt{D} - \frac{m_B D}{P} \right) \ln \frac{k_F + mP/m_B + \sqrt{D} + i\nu/2a_{\text{BF}}\sqrt{D}}{k_F - mP/m_B - \sqrt{D} - i\nu/2a_{\text{BF}}\sqrt{D}} \\ - \frac{a_{\text{BF}}^2 \hbar^2}{2m^2} \left(\frac{m_B k_F^2}{P} - \frac{m^2 P}{m_B} + 2m\sqrt{D} - \frac{m_B D}{P} \right) \ln \frac{k_F - mP/m_B + \sqrt{D} + i\nu/2a_{\text{BF}}\sqrt{D}}{k_F + mP/m_B - \sqrt{D} - i\nu/2a_{\text{BF}}\sqrt{D}}, \quad (59)$$

where

$$D = -\frac{m}{m_B + m_F} P^2 + \frac{2mP^0}{\hbar} + \frac{2m\mu}{\hbar^2}. \quad (60)$$

V. PHYSICAL QUANTITIES

A. Bosonic chemical potential

Substituting Eq. (44) into Eq. (50) the equation for $\Sigma_{\text{BF}}(p^\mu)$ can be rewritten as

$$\hbar \Sigma_{\text{BF}}(p^\mu) = -\frac{i}{(2\pi)^4} \int d^4 q^\mu \times \frac{T_{\text{BF}}((\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q})/2, (\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q})/2, p^\mu + q^\mu)}{q^0 - \hbar \mathbf{q}^2/2m_F + i \operatorname{sgn}(q - k_F) \nu}. \quad (61)$$

To evaluate this, we substitute Eq. (58) into Eq. (61), and first carry out the frequency integral. As the pole in the complex q^0 plane of the integrand in Eq. (58) is below the real axis, in order to get a nonvanishing result the pole of $[q^0 - \hbar \mathbf{q}^2/2m_F - i \operatorname{sgn}(q - k_F) \nu]^{-1}$ must be above the real axis ($q < k_F$). The frequency integral is thus readily solved by contour integration. The \mathbf{k} integration in Eq. (58) is then very similar to that leading to Eq. (59). The resulting expression for $\hbar \Sigma_{\text{BF}}(p^\mu)$ is then

$$\hbar \Sigma_{\text{BF}}(p^\mu) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3 \mathbf{q} \theta(k_F - q) \times T_{\text{BF}}\left(\frac{\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q}}{2}, \frac{\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q}}{2}, \left(p^0 + \frac{\hbar \mathbf{q}^2}{2m_F}, \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}\right)\right). \quad (62)$$

We wish to similarly solve this integral to second order in a_{BF} . In Eq. (59), all terms that depend on D have a prefactor a_{BF}^2 . Thus, in order to get a result for Eq. (62) that is correct to second order in a_{BF} , it is sufficient to use the zeroth order expression for D . Specializing to the case where $p^\mu = 0$ this can be written as

$$D^0 = \frac{m_B^2}{(m_B + m_F)^2} q^2. \quad (63)$$

We now substitute D^0 for D in Eq. (59), and, after a straightforward (if lengthy) integration over \mathbf{q} , arrive at

$$\hbar \Sigma_{\text{BF}}(0) = \frac{2\pi\hbar^2 a_{\text{BF}}}{m} n_F \left[1 + \frac{a_{\text{BF}} k_F}{\pi} f(\delta) \right], \quad (64)$$

where

$$f(\delta) = 1 - \frac{3+\delta}{4\delta} + \frac{3(1+\delta)^2(1-\delta)}{8\delta^2} \ln \frac{1+\delta}{1-\delta}, \quad (65)$$

$\delta = (m_B - m_F)/(m_B + m_F)$, and we have used $(2\pi)^{-4} \int d^4 k^\mu G_F(k^\mu) = G_F(x^\mu, x^\mu) = i n_F$. Note that in this integration we need only consider the real part of the boson-fermion T matrix, as within the range of the integration the imaginary part is zero (see Appendix B). The necessary expression for the T matrix is then just given by Eq. (59), where we take the absolute values of the arguments of the logarithms and set $\nu = 0$. From the Hugenholtz-Pines theorem [Eq. (46)],

$$\mu_B = \hbar \Sigma_{\text{BF}}(0) + \hbar \Sigma_{\text{BB}}(0) - \hbar \Sigma_{12}(0). \quad (66)$$

Thus, using the expression for $\Sigma_{\text{BF}}(0)$ in Eq. (64), and the results from Ref. [27] for $\Sigma_{\text{BB}}(0)$ and $\Sigma_{12}(0)$ (neglecting corrections of the order of the boson gas parameter),

$$\mu_B = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a_{\text{BB}}}{m_B} n_B + \frac{2\pi\hbar^2 a_{\text{BF}}}{m} n_F \left[1 + \frac{a_{\text{BF}} k_F}{\pi} f(\delta) \right]. \quad (67)$$

This is exactly equivalent to adding $\hbar \Sigma_{\text{BF}}(0)$ to the standard mean-field result for the bosonic chemical potential for a pure, self-interacting bosonic system.

B. Ground-state energy density

To obtain the ground-state energy we simply integrate Eq. (45):

$$\frac{E}{V} = \int_0^{n_B} \mu(n_B) dn_B + C(n_F), \quad (68)$$

where $C(n_F)$ is a quantity that can depend on the fermion density n_F only. Considering the limit $a_{\text{BF}} \rightarrow 0$, we see that $C(n_F)$ can only be the kinetic energy for free fermions (the Fermi energy density ϵ_F) [25], that is,

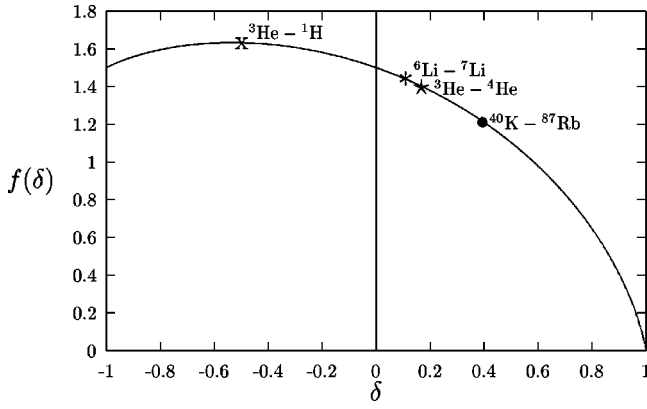


FIG. 5. Plot of $f(\delta)$, where $\delta = (m_B - m_F)/(m_B + m_F)$, proportional to the correction to second order in $\alpha = k_F a_{BF}$ to the energy density functional [Eq. (74)]. The relevant values of $f(\delta)$ for mixtures of ^3He and ^1H , ^6Li and ^7Li , ^3He and ^4He , and ^{40}K and ^{87}Rb are indicated. Quantities are dimensionless.

$$C(n_F) = \epsilon_F = \frac{3}{5} \frac{\hbar^2 k_F^2}{2m_F} n_F. \quad (69)$$

Substituting this and Eq. (67) into Eq. (68), and then integrating, gives, finally,

$$\frac{E}{V} = \epsilon_F + \epsilon_B + \frac{2\pi\hbar^2 a_{BF}}{m} n_F n_B \left[1 + \frac{a_{BF} k_F}{\pi} f(\delta) \right], \quad (70)$$

where $\epsilon_B = 2\pi\hbar^2 a_{BB} n_B^2 / m_B$ is the bosonic mean-field energy density. Equation (70) is the main result of this paper, being the desired extension of the mean-field result Eq. (8).

It is illuminating to describe Eq. (70) in terms of the dimensionless gas parameters and the dimensionless ratio of the boson and fermion densities:

$$\alpha = a_{BF} k_F, \quad (71)$$

$$\beta = \sqrt{n_B a_{BB}^3}, \quad (72)$$

$$\eta = \frac{n_B}{n_F}, \quad (73)$$

so that

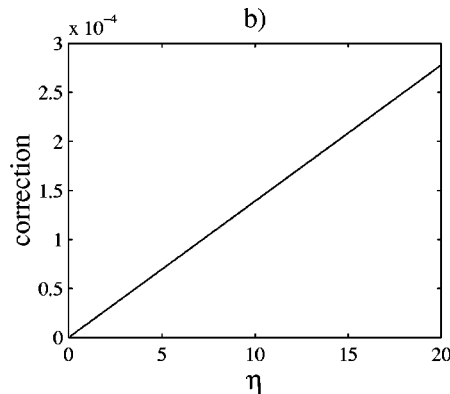
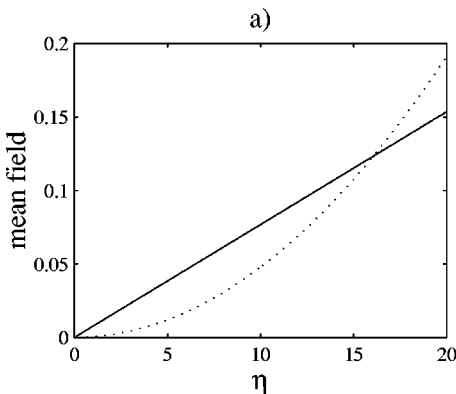


FIG. 6. Boson-fermion (solid line) and boson-boson (dotted line) mean-field contributions (a) and second-order correction (b) to the ground-state energy density of a $^6\text{Li}, ^7\text{Li}$ mixture, in units of ϵ_F , to the ground-state energy density in units of ϵ_F . Parameters are $n_F^{1/3} a_{BF} = 0.001$ and $n_B^{1/3} a_{BB} = 0.000135 \eta^{1/3}$, where the dimensionless density ratio η is the running independent variable.

$$\frac{E}{V} = \epsilon_F \left(1 + \frac{20\pi\eta}{1+\delta} \left\{ (1-\delta) \left(\frac{\eta\beta}{6\pi^2} \right)^{2/3} + \frac{\alpha}{3\pi^2} \left[1 + \frac{\alpha}{\pi} f(\delta) \right] \right\} \right), \quad (74)$$

The corrective term to second order in α is proportional to the rather complicated function $f(\delta)$, defined in Eq. (65), of the relative mass ratio δ ; the value of this function will thus vary considerably depending on the masses of the atomic species used in any given experiment. In Fig. 5 the values for mixtures of ^6Li and ^7Li , and ^{40}K and ^{87}Rb , corresponding to real experimental configurations currently under investigation, are plotted, as well as that for a mixture of ^3He and ^4He , also a likely candidate for future investigation in ultracold dilute gas experiments. The value for a hypothetical mixture of ^3He and ^1H is also shown, as it is almost exactly the maximum possible. The function $f(\delta)$ is always positive in the total range $[-1, 1]$ of variations of δ . Note that in the limit $m_B/m_F \rightarrow \infty$, one has $\delta \rightarrow 1$ and $f(\delta) \rightarrow 0$. Thus the second-order correction to the boson-fermion interaction energy and the total boson-boson interaction energy disappear. This is because if the bosons are infinitely massive (compared to a fixed, finite fermion mass), then it is impossible for them to be scattered out of the condensate, and only the boson-fermion mean field interaction remains, since all the bosons can be treated as the (condensate) mean field. In the opposite limit of $m_B/m_F \rightarrow 0$, the situation is different, because of the Pauli exclusion principle.

In Fig. 6 we compare the mean-field contributions (a) and second-order correction (b) to the energy functional for a $^6\text{Li}, ^7\text{Li}$ mixture, for a range of values of η . The plots correspond to a situation where the scattering lengths $a_{BB} = 0.2$ nm, $a_{BF} = 2.7$ nm and the fermion density $n_F = 5.1 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ are fixed, and compatible with the experiments described in Ref. [14], while the boson density is varied. Note that for any reasonable boson density, the boson gas parameter β is indeed very small compared to α . In Fig. 7 we do the same for a $^3\text{He}, ^4\text{He}$ mixture. In this case the interspecies scattering length is unknown; however, we conjecture it to be of the same order of magnitude as the boson-boson scattering length. The plots correspond to a situation where $a_{BB} = a_{BF} = 16$ nm, and $n_F = 3.1 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. These values are compatible with current experiments on meta-

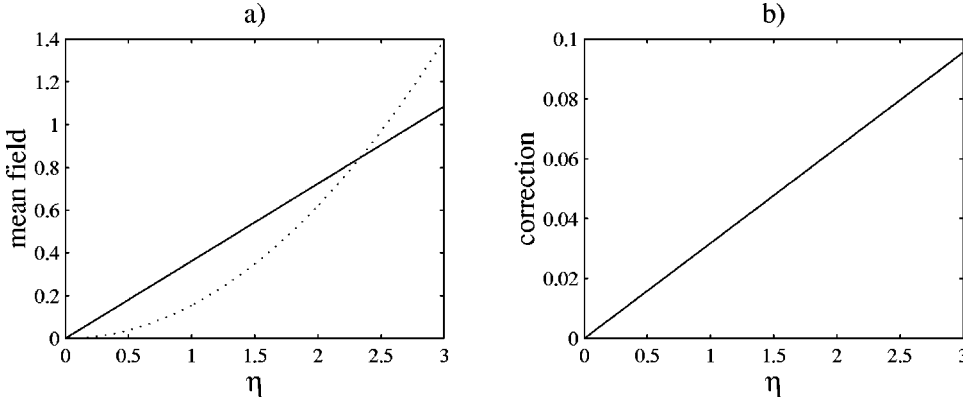


FIG. 7. Boson-fermion (solid line) and boson-boson (dotted line) mean-field contributions (a) and second-order correction (b) to the ground-state energy density of a ^3He , ^4He mixture, in units of ϵ_F , to the ground-state energy density in units of ϵ_F . Parameters are $n_F^{1/3} a_{BF} = 0.05$ and $n_B^{1/3} a_{BB} = 0.05 \eta^{1/3}$, where the dimensionless density ratio η is the running independent variable.

stable triplet ^4He condensates [18,19], and are particularly interesting in that the corrections beyond mean field are quite large (of the order of 10%). The true significance of the boson-fermion interaction energy correction will of course depend on the actual value of the interspecies scattering length. We notice that if the latter turns out to be about one order of magnitude larger than in the pure fermionic and bosonic cases (this is, for instance, what happens for lithium mixtures), then the effect of the correction can be as large as 50% of the mean-field prediction. Then, of course, corrections proportional to the boson gas parameter also have to be taken into account.

C. Other physical quantities, Bose condensate depletion, and induced fermion-fermion interaction

From Eq. (70) we can readily determine the chemical potential for the fermions μ_F , defined as

$$\mu_F = \left(\frac{\partial E/V}{\partial n_F} \right)_{N_B, V}, \quad (75)$$

to be

$$\mu_F = \frac{\hbar^2 k_F^2}{2m_F} + \frac{2\pi\hbar^2 a_{BF}}{m} n_B \left[1 + \frac{4a_{BF}k_F}{3\pi} f(\delta) \right]. \quad (76)$$

The pressure reads

$$P = - \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial V} \right)_{N_B, N_F} = \frac{2}{5} \frac{\hbar^2 k_F^2}{2m_F} n_F + \frac{2\pi n_B^2 a_{BB} \hbar^2}{m_B} + \frac{2\pi\hbar^2 a_{BF}}{m} n_F n_B \left[1 + \frac{4a_{BF}k_F}{3\pi} f(\delta) \right]. \quad (77)$$

We then obtain the compressibilities, respectively, for the bosons,

$$c_B^2 = \frac{1}{m_B} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial n_B} \right)_{N_F, V} = \frac{4\pi n_B^2 a_{BB} \hbar^2}{m_B^2} + \frac{2\pi\hbar^2 a_{BF}}{m_B m} n_F \times \left[1 + \frac{4a_{BF}k_F}{3\pi} f(\delta) \right], \quad (78)$$

and for the fermions,

$$c_F^2 = \frac{1}{m_F} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial n_F} \right)_{N_B, V} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\hbar^2 k_F^2}{2m_F^2} + \frac{2\pi\hbar^2 a_{BF}}{m_F m} n_B \times \left[1 + \frac{16a_{BF}k_F}{9\pi} f(\delta) \right]. \quad (79)$$

We notice that the possible instabilities induced by the mean-field boson-fermion interaction term in the case of a negative value of a_{BF} are countered by the beyond mean-field correction, since the latter is always positive.

Concerning the structure of the Bose condensate fraction, in addition to the known depletion due to the boson-boson interaction, we expect in principle a further contribution to depletion due to the interaction of the bosons with the fermions. The depletion is computed in a standard way by integrating the boson propagator for the noncondensed particles $G'_B(p^\mu)$ over the four-momentum. To obtain the boson propagator we have to solve the Dyson equation (47) for $G'_B(p^\mu)$. This yields

$$G'_B(p^\mu) = \left[p^0 + \frac{\hbar p^2}{2m_B} + \Sigma_B(-p^\mu) - \Sigma_B(0) + \Sigma_{12}(0) \right] \times \left[\left[p^0 - \frac{\Sigma_B(p^\mu) - \Sigma_B(-p^\mu)}{2} \right]^2 - \left[\frac{\hbar p^2}{2m_B} - \Sigma_B(0) + \Sigma_{12}(0) + \frac{\Sigma_B(p^\mu) + \Sigma_B(-p^\mu)}{2} + \Sigma_{12}^2(p^\mu) \right] \right]^{-1}, \quad (80)$$

where we have made use of the Hugenholtz-Pines relation. The total diagonal bosonic self-energy $\Sigma_B(p^\mu)$ picks up a boson-boson and a boson-fermion contribution [see Eq. (49)]. It can be easily checked that to first order in a_{BB} and in a_{BF} the total diagonal bosonic self-energy does not depend on the four-momentum. Therefore the diagonal self-energy terms in the boson propagator Eq. (80) cancel, $G'_B(p^\mu)$ is independent of a_{BF} , and there is no depletion of the Bose condensate due to the fermions to this order, since the contribution of the fermions to the off-diagonal self-energies

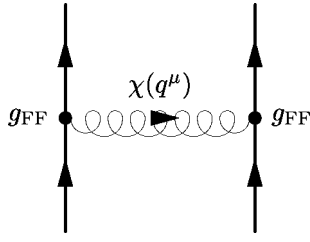


FIG. 8. Effective fermion-fermion interaction due to exchange of boson density fluctuations.

vanishes anyway in the ladder approximation. The situation will be different to next order in a_{BF} , as in this case the total diagonal bosonic self-energy will depend on the four-momentum. However, the calculation of $\Sigma_B(p^\mu)$ to second order in the boson-fermion scattering length at nonzero four-momentum involves the evaluation of integrals that cannot be carried out analytically in a straightforward way. In conclusion, in the present situation, we will consider the depletion due to the bosons only, which is well known [24,25]:

$$n_B - n_0 = \frac{8}{3} \sqrt{\frac{n_B a_B^3}{\pi}} n_B. \quad (81)$$

We now turn to a discussion of the fermion-fermion interaction induced by the presence of the bosons. Subtracting the bosonic contribution from the energy density, we get

$$\frac{E}{V} - \epsilon_B = \epsilon_F \left[1 + \frac{20\eta}{3\pi(1+\delta)} \alpha + \frac{20\eta}{3\pi(1+\delta)} \frac{f(\delta)}{\pi} \alpha^2 \right]. \quad (82)$$

This describes the first three terms of a power expansion in α , of exactly the same form as that of an imperfect (unpolarized) Fermi gas, although clearly with different coefficients. There is thus, as expected, an induced fermion-fermion interaction, which can now be computed by exploiting the expressions that we have derived for both the bosonic and the fermionic chemical potentials. This will yield a modification of the known induced fermion-fermion interaction previously discussed in the mean-field approximation [17]. The expression for the induced interaction at zero energy-momentum transfer $U_{\text{ind}}(q^\mu=0)$ is

$$U_{\text{ind}}(q^\mu=0) = \left. \frac{\partial \mu_F}{\partial n_F} \right|_{\mu_B} - \frac{\partial \mu_F}{\partial n_F} = - \left(\frac{\partial \mu_F}{\partial n_B} \right)^2 \frac{\partial n_B}{\partial \mu_B}, \quad (83)$$

which in our case reads

$$U_{\text{ind}}(q^\mu=0) = - \frac{4\pi\hbar^2(1-\delta^2)\eta^{1/3}\alpha^2}{m_F k_F (6\pi^2)^{1/3} \beta^{2/3}} \times [1 + 4f(\delta)\alpha/3\pi]. \quad (84)$$

The extension to finite momentum transfer is achieved by introducing the boson density-density response function $\chi(q^\mu)$, and is represented diagrammatically in Fig. 8, where two fermions interact by exchanging a boson density fluctua-

tion wave. This is the simplest diagram by which two fermions can interact via the exchange of a bosonic excitation.

The density-density response function $\chi(q^\mu)$ is independent of a_{BF} to first order. This can be easily verified following the same line of reasoning described previously in the analysis of the bosonic propagator. Thus its expression is the same as in the pure bosonic case (to this order):

$$\chi(q^\mu) = \frac{\hbar n_0 q^2 / m_B}{(q^0)^2 - (\hbar q^2 / 2m_B)^2 - 4\pi\hbar^3 n_0 a_{BB} q^2 / m_B^2}. \quad (85)$$

The vertex g_{FF} can be determined by considering the limiting expression for $\chi(q^\mu)$ as $q^\mu \rightarrow 0$. In this case the expression for the diagram given in Fig. 8 must reduce to the expression given in Eq. (84). It follows that

$$g_{FF} = \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}\hbar^2 a_{BF}}{m} [1 + 4f(\delta)a_{BF}k_F/3\pi]. \quad (86)$$

Then the induced interaction potential in the static case ($q^0=0$) reads

$$U_{\text{ind}}(0, \mathbf{q}) = - \frac{4\pi\hbar^4 a_{BF}^2 [1 + 4f(\delta)a_{BF}k_F/3\pi]^2}{m^2} \times \frac{n_0}{\hbar q^2 / 4m_B + 4\pi\hbar^2 n_0 a_{BB} / m_B}. \quad (87)$$

In real space this is

$$U_{\text{ind}}(0, \mathbf{q}) = \frac{4\hbar^2 m_B n_0 a_{BF}^2 [1 + 4f(\delta)a_{BF}k_F/3\pi]^2}{m^2} \times \frac{e^{\sqrt{2}r/\xi}}{r}, \quad (88)$$

where

$$\xi^2 = \frac{1}{8\pi n_0 a_B}. \quad (89)$$

We observe that, compared to the mean-field result [17], while there are quantitative modifications in the prefactors, there is no qualitative change in the form of the induced interaction, i.e., we still have an attractive Yukawa potential. Modifications in the analytic form of the induced fermion-fermion interaction potential will appear only once second order effects in the boson-fermion scattering length a_{BF} to the depletion of the Bose condensate are included.

VI. DISCUSSION AND OUTLOOK

In summary, we have determined ground-state properties of a homogeneous system of bosons mixed with spin-polarized fermions at zero temperature. We have calculated the boson-fermion T matrix and the corresponding self-energies. We have then shown how to incorporate the effects

of the boson-boson interaction and derived some relevant physical quantities of the system, in particular the ground-state energy. The importance of the corrections beyond mean field has been discussed in several different instances of experimental interest. For mixtures of bosonic and fermionic helium we have shown that the terms beyond mean field may yield significant corrections (up to 50% of the mean-field result). We have provided partial results also on two very significant physical quantities, namely, the Bose condensate fraction and the induced fermion-fermion interaction. To provide more quantitative predictions for these quantities, as well as for the BCS transition temperature, we will need to compute in detail the corrections to second order in the boson-fermion scattering length. Results of this analysis, which go beyond the scope of the present paper, will appear in a forthcoming work, together with a detailed numerical analysis of the conditions for stability and for phase separation. Collective modes, effective fermion mass, and excitation spectra fully evaluated to second order in the boson-fermion scattering length will be discussed as well.

Extensions of the formalism developed in this paper can be made in different directions. First, one can consider unpolarized spin-1/2 fermions. Calculations are very similar to the present situation with the main difference that one has to include the effects of the direct interactions of fermions with different spins. This would correspond to having a third scattering length a_{FF} . As in the previous case, we expect that in the two-particle scattering approximation the energy contribution for a pure fermion system of spin-1/2 fermions is simply added to Eq. (70) in this case (and of course, the Fermi momentum has to be modified appropriately).

The formalism can also be extended to consider finite temperature. As in the case of pure bosons we expect considerable difficulties near the critical temperature. Well below that temperature, however, we expect no major complications and the calculations will be similar to the present case, except that boson loops will have to be taken into account and frequency integrals will have to be replaced by Matsubara frequency sums.

A very important and natural possible extension is the investigation of inhomogeneous, e.g., harmonically trapped, systems. This can be done by augmenting the existing mean-field calculations via the correlation terms in local density approximation. To this end, the results obtained in the present work are needed. The method and the full numerical procedure will be described in a forthcoming paper.

Finally, higher-order corrections may be computed in principle. These higher-order terms will also involve the bosonic gas parameter as well as three-particle correlations, and thus expansions like Eq. (70) will not reduce to sums of terms, where only one scattering length appears at a time, but will include also terms that contain products of powers of both scattering lengths. To even higher orders nonuniversal properties like the parameters describing the shape of the interaction potentials will become important and will have to be taken properly into account, as has been recently done in the pure bosonic case [31,47].

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APPENDIX A: NORMAL ORDERED PRODUCTS AND THE VACUUM STATE

If we expand the field operators in terms of momentum eigenstates we get

$$\hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \hat{a}_0 + \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}), \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} = \hat{\psi}_1^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) + \hat{\psi}_2(\mathbf{x}), \quad (\text{A2})$$

with

$$\hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{|\mathbf{k}| > 0} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}, \quad (\text{A3})$$

$$\hat{\psi}_1(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{|\mathbf{k}| \leq k_F} \hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}, \quad (\text{A4})$$

$$\hat{\psi}_2(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{|\mathbf{k}| > k_F} \hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}. \quad (\text{A5})$$

In terms of the bosonic and fermionic occupation number operators $\hat{N}_B(\mathbf{k}) = \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}$ and $\hat{N}_F(\mathbf{k}) = \hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}}$ the ground state of the noninteracting system $|\xi_0\rangle$ can be characterized by

$$\hat{N}_B(\mathbf{0})|\xi_0\rangle = N_B|\xi_0\rangle, \quad (\text{A6})$$

$$\hat{N}_B(\mathbf{k})|\xi_0\rangle = 0 \quad \text{for } |\mathbf{k}| > 0, \quad (\text{A7})$$

$$\hat{N}_F(\mathbf{k})|\xi_0\rangle = |\xi_0\rangle \quad \text{for } |\mathbf{k}| \leq k_F, \quad (\text{A8})$$

$$\hat{N}_F(\mathbf{k})|\xi_0\rangle = 0 \quad \text{for } |\mathbf{k}| > k_F, \quad (\text{A9})$$

where N_B is the total number of bosons, which in this case coincides with the number of zero-momentum bosons N_0 (Bose-Einstein condensate). In occupation number representation we thus have

$$|\xi_0\rangle = |N_B, 0, 0, \dots\rangle_B \otimes |1, 1, \dots, 1, 1, 0, 0, \dots\rangle_F, \quad (\text{A10})$$

where the subscript B refers to the boson Hilbert space and F to the fermion Hilbert space. The change from 1 to 0 in the fermion state happens at k_F . Additionally,

$$\hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x})|\xi_0\rangle = \hat{\psi}_1(\mathbf{x})|\xi_0\rangle = \hat{\psi}_2(\mathbf{x})|\xi_0\rangle = 0. \quad (\text{A11})$$

In this sense the ground state can be regarded as the vacuum state with respect to fermions excited above the Fermi sea, the fermion holes below the Fermi sea, and the noncondensate bosons.

The normal product is defined on pairs of creation and destruction operators:

$$\begin{aligned} :\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x},t)\tilde{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}',t')&:=\tilde{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}',t')\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x},t), \\ :\tilde{\psi}_j(\mathbf{x},t)\tilde{\psi}_k^\dagger(\mathbf{x}',t')&:=-\tilde{\psi}_k^\dagger(\mathbf{x}',t')\tilde{\psi}_j(\mathbf{x},t), \\ :\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x},t)\tilde{\psi}_j^\dagger(\mathbf{x}',t')&:=\tilde{\psi}_j^\dagger(\mathbf{x}',t')\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x},t), \\ :\tilde{\psi}_j(\mathbf{x},t)\tilde{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}',t')&:=\tilde{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}',t')\tilde{\psi}_j(\mathbf{x},t), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A12})$$

for $j,k \in \{1,2\}$. For all other pairs of creation and destruction operators the normal product is the same as the ordinary operator product. It can also be readily determined that

$$[\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x},t),\tilde{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}',t')]=\langle\xi_0|\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x},t)\tilde{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}',t')|\xi_0\rangle,$$

$$\{\tilde{\psi}_1(\mathbf{x}',t'),\tilde{\psi}_1^\dagger(\mathbf{x},t)\}=\langle\xi_0|\tilde{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}',t')\tilde{\Psi}(\mathbf{x},t)|\xi_0\rangle, \quad (\text{A13})$$

$$\{\tilde{\psi}(\mathbf{x},t),\tilde{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}',t')\}=\langle\xi_0|\tilde{\Psi}(\mathbf{x},t)\tilde{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}',t')|\xi_0\rangle,$$

and all other (anti)commutators are zero. With Eqs. (A12) and (A13), the contractions of Eq. (37) can be readily evaluated.

APPENDIX B: EVALUATION OF THE T MATRIX AND COUPLING CONSTANT RENORMALIZATION

1. The first integral \mathcal{I}

We define

$$\mathcal{I}=\int d^3\mathbf{k}\frac{\theta(|\mathbf{P}/2-\mathbf{k}|-k_F)}{\hbar P^0-\hbar^2(\mathbf{P}/2+\mathbf{k})^2/2m_B-\hbar^2(\mathbf{P}/2-\mathbf{k})^2/2m_F+\mu+i\nu}. \quad (\text{B1})$$

Transforming the integration variables to $\mathbf{P}/2-\mathbf{k}$ gives

$$\mathcal{I}=\int d^3\mathbf{k}\frac{\theta(|\mathbf{k}|-k_F)}{\hbar^2\mathbf{k}^2/2m-\hbar^2\mathbf{P}\cdot\mathbf{k}/m_B-\hbar P^0+\hbar^2\mathbf{P}^2/2m_B-\mu-i\nu}. \quad (\text{B2})$$

Setting $a=\hbar^2/2m$, $b=\hbar^2P/m_B$, and $E=-\hbar P^0+\hbar^2P^2/2m_B-\mu$ and transforming to spherical coordinates, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}&=2\pi\int_{k_F}^{k_c}dkk^2\int_0^\pi d\phi\sin\phi\frac{1}{ak^2-bk\cos\phi+E-i\nu} \\ &=\frac{2\pi}{b}\int_{k_F}^{k_c}dkk\ln\frac{ak^2-bk+E-i\nu}{ak^2+bk+E-i\nu}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B3})$$

where we will ultimately consider the limit $k_c\rightarrow\infty$. Using $D=(b/2a)^2-E/a$ we can approximate for small ν (if $D\neq 0$; the case $D=0$ can be treated similarly and gives the same answer as taking the limit $D\rightarrow 0$ at the very end):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}&=-\frac{2\pi m_B}{\hbar^2 P}\int_{k_F}^{k_c}dkk\left(\ln\frac{k+mP/m_B+\sqrt{D}+i\nu/2a\sqrt{D}}{k-mP/m_B-\sqrt{D}-i\nu/2a\sqrt{D}}\right. \\ &\quad \left.+\ln\frac{k+mP/m_B-\sqrt{D}-i\nu/2a\sqrt{D}}{k-mP/m_B+\sqrt{D}+i\nu/2a\sqrt{D}}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B4})$$

The integral can be solved [46] to give

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k_c\rightarrow\infty}\mathcal{I}&=-\frac{8\pi mk_c}{\hbar^2}+\frac{4\pi mk_F}{\hbar^2}+\frac{\pi}{\hbar^2}\left(\frac{m_B k_F^2}{P}-\frac{m^2 P}{m_B}-2m\sqrt{D}\right. \\ &\quad \left.-\frac{m_B D}{P}\right)\ln\frac{k_F+mP/m_B+\sqrt{D}+i\nu/2a\sqrt{D}}{k_F-mP/m_B-\sqrt{D}-i\nu/2a\sqrt{D}} \\ &\quad -\frac{\pi}{\hbar^2}\left(\frac{m_B k_F^2}{P}-\frac{m^2 P}{m_B}+2m\sqrt{D}-\frac{m_B D}{P}\right) \\ &\quad \times\ln\frac{k_F-mP/m_B+\sqrt{D}+i\nu/2a\sqrt{D}}{k_F+mP/m_B-\sqrt{D}-i\nu/2a\sqrt{D}}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B5})$$

where outside the logarithms we have taken the limit $\nu\rightarrow 0$ (simply setting $\nu=0$), and we have made use of the identity

$$\lim_{x\rightarrow\infty}x^2\ln\frac{1+\alpha/x}{1-\alpha/x}=2\alpha x, \quad (\text{B6})$$

for the limit $k_c\rightarrow\infty$. There remains an ultraviolet divergent term; the boson-fermion T matrix [Eq. (58)] is, however, ultimately renormalized by the second integral.

The real part of \mathcal{I} is readily evaluated in the limit $\nu\rightarrow 0$ by setting $\nu=0$ and using the absolute values inside the logarithms:

$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow 0} \text{Re } \mathcal{I} = -\frac{8\pi m k_c}{\hbar^2} + \frac{4\pi m k_F}{\hbar^2} + \frac{\pi}{\hbar^2} \left(\frac{m_B k_F^2}{P} - \frac{m^2 P}{m_B} - \frac{m_B D}{P} \right) \ln \left| \frac{(k_F + mP/m_B)^2 - D}{(k_F - mP/m_B)^2 - D} \right| - \frac{2\pi m}{\hbar^2} \sqrt{D} \times \ln \left| \frac{(k_F + \sqrt{D})^2 - (mP/m_B)^2}{(k_F - \sqrt{D})^2 - (mP/m_B)^2} \right|. \quad (\text{B7})$$

Using the identity (easily evaluated by polar decomposition)

$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow 0^+} \text{Im } \ln \frac{a + i\nu}{b - i\nu} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{sgn}(a) = \text{sgn}(b), \\ \pi, & \text{sgn}(a) \neq \text{sgn}(b), \end{cases} \quad (\text{B8})$$

the imaginary part of \mathcal{I} in the limit $\nu \rightarrow 0$ can be evaluated to be

$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow 0} \text{Im } \mathcal{I} = \frac{\pi^2}{\hbar^2} \left(\frac{m_B k_F^2}{P} - \frac{m^2 P}{m_B} - 2m\sqrt{D} - \frac{m_B D}{P} \right) \quad (\text{B9})$$

if $D > 0$ and $k_F < |mP/m_B - \sqrt{D}|$;

$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow 0} \text{Im } \mathcal{I} = -\frac{4\pi^2 m \sqrt{D}}{\hbar^2} \quad (\text{B10})$$

if $D > 0$ and $|mP/m_B - \sqrt{D}| < k_F < mP/m_B + \sqrt{D}$; and

$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow 0} \text{Im } \mathcal{I} = 0 \quad (\text{B11})$$

if $D \leq 0$ or $k_F > mP/m_B + \sqrt{D}$.

2. The second integral \mathcal{J}

We define

$$\mathcal{J} = - \int d^3 \mathbf{k} \frac{1}{\hbar^2 \mathbf{k}_1^2/2m - \hbar^2 \mathbf{k}^2/2m + i\nu} = \frac{4\pi}{a} \int_0^{k_c} dk \left(1 - \frac{k_1^2 + i\nu/a}{k^2 - k_1^2 - i\nu/a} \right), \quad (\text{B12})$$

where as before $a = \hbar^2/2m$, and we have transformed to polar coordinates and integrated over the angle variables. The integral can be evaluated [46] to give

$$\mathcal{J} = \frac{4\pi k_c}{a} - \frac{2\pi}{a} \sqrt{k_1^2 - i\nu/a} \ln \frac{k_c + \sqrt{k_1^2 - i\nu/a}}{k_c - \sqrt{k_1^2 - i\nu/a}} + \frac{2\pi}{a} \sqrt{k_1^2 - i\nu/a} \ln \frac{\sqrt{k_1^2 - i\nu/a}}{-\sqrt{k_1^2 - i\nu/a}}. \quad (\text{B13})$$

We then use

$$\lim_{k_c \rightarrow \infty} \ln \frac{k_c + \sqrt{k_1^2 - i\nu/a}}{k_c - \sqrt{k_1^2 - i\nu/a}} = 0 \quad (\text{B14})$$

to get

$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{J} = \frac{8\pi m k_c}{\hbar^2} + i \frac{4\pi^2 m k_1}{\hbar^2}. \quad (\text{B15})$$

If we now take the sum of Eqs. (B5) and (B15), the ultraviolet divergent terms cancel exactly. The resulting expression for $\mathcal{I} + \mathcal{J}$ can then be substituted into Eq. (58) to get Eq. (59) for the renormalized boson-fermion T matrix.

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